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Dear Senator Durenberger:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the crisis in Rwanda. Both before and throughout the crisis, we have maintained a consistent policy aimed at stopping the violence, assuring humanitarian relief, and promoting political reconciliation within the framework of the 1993 Arusha peace accord. In the current context, these goals are being pursued on several levels simultaneously, through: rapid and effective deployment of UNAMIR and human rights monitors, support for the International Tribunal on Rwanda, diplomatic support for implementation of the principles of Arusha, and assistance to the Rwandan government to help it create conditions inside Rwanda that will facilitate refugee return and national reconciliation.

With respect to your specific suggestions, I am pleased to inform you of the following:

The United States has been in the forefront of the effort to expedite deployment of UN human rights monitors to Rwanda. There are now about 60 monitors in the field, and the UN expects to have 100 on the ground by year's end. Along with full deployment of UNAMIR, the monitors will help reassure refugees that they can safely return to Rwanda.

The Department of State has never taken the position that the United States would not provide foreign aid to Rwanda in fiscal year 1995. On the contrary, we have been pressing within the U.S. government and with other donors to see that Rwanda receives the necessary bilateral aid to assist the new government to become fully operational. USAID now plans to provide \$9 million in development assistance to Rwanda through FY-95, with much of the funding devoted to assisting key government ministries (Justice, Interior, Health, Finance) with basic needs so that necessary services can be restored.

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In addition, we plan to provide Rwanda with an additional \$3 million in Economic Support Funds (ESF). Of this, \$2.5 million has been targeted to help pay off Rwanda's World Bank arrears. Through a "Friends of Rwanda" group initiated by the United States, we have also been encouraging other donors to contribute to this effort. Paying off Rwanda's arrears will allow the World Bank to make available an emergency credit of \$50 million and would unblock up to \$250 million in project assistance.

We will continue our efforts to help Rwanda recover from this tragic crisis and move to a path of national recovery and reconciliation.

Sincerely,

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